

The Chairman mentioned that preparations for the publication of the first issue of the quarterly bulletin were well advanced and that advertisements would be appearing in the local press next week.

A form was distributed for members to record their monthly casework activities from 1 November.

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 The Chief Executive read a letter dated 7 October 1997 to the Chairman from the Northern Ireland Office indicating that the UN Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers would be visiting Northern Ireland. Arrangements had been made for the Chairman and Chief Executive to meet him on Wednesday, 29 October at 6 pm.

6.2 The Chief Executive informed the members that he had received a letter dated 14 October 1997 from the Commission for Racial Equality for Northern Ireland inviting members to a seminar in the Spires Conference Centre on 5 November at 4 pm. Anyone wishing to attend was asked to contact the Chief Executive.

## 7 REPORTS

A summary of statistics (Appendix 1) and the Schedule of Accounts for the month of August 1997 (Appendix 2) previously circulated was noted. Mr [REDACTED] stated that the new format for the statistics was extremely helpful.

## 8 REPORTS FROM DEPUTY CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS

Miss McNally outlined problems that she had been experiencing with a particular investigating officer in a supervised investigation. Other members from their own experiences, concurred with the view that the officer was incompetent. Miss McNally stated that she would be meeting the investigating officer and his Superintendent next Tuesday for an explanation on various aspects of her case. In any event, it was agreed that the Chairman would arrange an early meeting with the Chief Constable to inform him of the Commission's dissatisfaction with the officer in question.

In another of Miss McNally's supervised cases it was agreed that the conduct of an investigating officer could be dealt with informally by having the Superintendent remind his officers of the standards expected of them in their relationships with members and complainants. Mr Mullah undertook to speak to the Superintendent.

## 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 The Chief Executive stated that it would be very helpful in the transitional period if members could take over the education and information role of addressing police training courses on the working of the complaints system.